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Southern District of Illinois  
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**A Message from the U.S. Attorney**



**EAST ST. LOUIS UPDATE - Part 2**

East St. Louis, Illinois, is a city of 25,000 or less, situated in St. Clair County and located just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Missouri. From January 1, 2009, through November 19, 2009, there were 28 homicides in East St. Louis, or about 112 per 100,000. By comparison, in 2008, New Orleans had the highest homicide rate of a major city with 63.6 per 100,000. That same year the District of Columbia had a homicide rate of 31.4 per 100,000.

In 2006, East St. Louis had a homicide rate of 101.9, while the national average was 5.6. Homicide is not the only violent crime found in East St. Louis. The following shows the rate of other violent crimes in East St. Louis in 2006, compared to the national average.

<u>ESL Crime</u>	<u>National Rate</u>	<u>Average</u>
Rape	251.3	32.2
Robbery	1,347.0	195.4
Assault	5,847.3	340.1

In response to the problem of violent crime, the Office of the United States Attorney, in conjunction with the United States Marshal, formed the Violent Crime Task Force which meets each Tuesday at noon in the United States Courthouse in East St. Louis. Included in this task force is the United States Attorney and Assistant United States Attorneys and staff, representatives of the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office, Federal and State Probation, USMS, ATF, FBI, Illinois State Police, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, HUD, the Alton Southern Railroad Police, East St. Louis Police Department, neighboring police departments, and the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois (MEGSI).

The express purpose of this task force is to reduce the crime rate in East St. Louis. The effort is succeeding as the result of "cooperative policing."

On November 16, 2009, a special detail of about 20 officers made up of agencies participating in the VCTF began operating on a daily basis in East St. Louis. In addition, a gang saturation detail of about 35 officers from many agencies and neighboring police departments operates in the city at two week intervals.

From November 19 through the present (January 14, 2010) the number of homicides in East St. Louis has dropped to zero.

In other words for this period, the rate dropped from about 112 per 100,000 to zero per 100,000. Our goal is to continue this success for as long as possible.

While many agencies are involved in this effort, ultimate success of this effort depends on our ability as the Office of the United States Attorney to continue to prosecute those who are committing crimes in East St. Louis, particularly those crimes involving guns and drugs.

In addition to our efforts through law enforcement, we are achieving increased success by involving the community in our efforts. We have distributed "red forms" throughout the city, along with postage paid envelopes for return of the form directly to our office. These forms allow residents to anonymously report drug activity and gang activity. Upon receipt by our office, the information is de-conflicted with law enforcement agencies and then forwarded to MEGSI for follow-up. Each "red form" that is received is acted upon. We are also encouraging residents to use Crime Stoppers to anonymously report criminal activity.

At the end of January, we will begin a series of Community Crime Forums to be held in churches throughout East St. Louis at which residents can voice concerns about crime in their neighborhoods. The purpose of these meetings is to serve as a catalyst for the rebirth of former Neighborhood Groups, some of which are still functioning on a limited level and others of which are defunct. We have called upon the University of Illinois to assist us with mentoring these groups as they grow and mature.

We also plan to involve the Resident Councils from the six HUD project areas in East St. Louis in this effort. It is expected that these various Neighborhood Groups and Resident Councils will come together in a city-wide Community Action Task Force, that will combine their efforts with various social service providers, law enforcement, business leaders and educators. The purpose of these organizations is to work with law enforcement to reduce crime in the city and pave the way for economic growth and improvement of the city.

*A. Courtney Cox*

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**January 13, 2010:** The Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement and the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs' co-hosted their Annual Awards Banquet at the Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, Illinois. The purpose of the awards program is to provide recognition to the men and women who honor the law enforcement profession.

United States Attorney A. Courtney Cox was presented with the most prestigious award the organization can give, "The Olympian Award." This award can only be presented to a Chief, Sheriff, State's Attorney, Illinois State Police or a Law Enforcement Commander from Southwestern Illinois who has made a significant contribution to law enforcement, public safety, and the administration of justice. The recipient of this award must be an individual who personifies integrity, leadership, and innovation. The recipient must also be an individual who is recognized for his or her strength of character and statewide impact.



United States Attorney A. Courtney Cox received "The Olympian Award" from St. Clair County Sheriff Mearl Justice.



Approximately 180 supporters of law enforcement attended the Annual Awards Ceremony.

United States Attorney Cox was nominated by Sheriff Mearl Justice from St. Clair County. The award is for United States Attorney Cox's commitment to improving the quality of life for the citizens, improving law enforcement working relationships, and coordinating the efforts between citizens, services providers, law enforcement, and the judicial process.

United States Attorney Cox stated that he would accept the award on behalf of the entire office and commended Law Enforcement Coordinator Ron Shownes for his valuable assistance.

**February 11, 2010:** Saint Louis University will present a panel discussion on “Creating a Security Culture: Moving the Risk and Vulnerability Analysis into Action” on campus in the Anheuser-Busch Auditorium in St. Louis, Missouri.

# SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

## School for Professional Studies Panel Discussion

### Creating a Security Culture: Moving the Risk and Vulnerability Analysis into Action

Thursday, February 11, 2010  
John and Lucy Cook Hall  
Anheuser-Busch Auditorium  
3674 Lindell Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63108

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wine and Cheese reception to follow

Featured guests include Larry Cockell (SVP and Chief Security Officer for Time Warner, Inc., and former Deputy Director of U.S. Secret Service), John Britt (Director of Public Safety for the state of Missouri, and former Security Director of Anheuser Busch), Roland Corvington (Special Agent in Charge, FBI, St. Louis, and former Assistant Director of Security Division, FBI), Colonel Dan Isom (Chief, St. Louis Metropolitan Police), and Joe Walsh (Director of Security for the St. Louis Cardinals, and retired officer of St. Louis Metropolitan Police)

As a security manager, whether in the private or public sector, you must sell consequence and resilience management by showing how such actions positively impact the revenue stream, and thus, increase the value of security. This panel discussion will include the trends in community-wide crime, a description of creating a security culture, and specific ways to enable a security culture as part of the “business” process -- moving the risk and vulnerability analyses into action.

Register online at: [billikenalumni.slu.edu/spspanel10](http://billikenalumni.slu.edu/spspanel10) for this free event.

If you or one of your guests needs assistance accessing this event or requires disability related accommodations, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 314-977-2250 or [alumni@slu.edu](mailto:alumni@slu.edu).

For more information or questions regarding this event, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at [alumni@slu.edu](mailto:alumni@slu.edu) or 314.977.2250.

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**February 23 and 24, 2010:** The 10th Annual Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit will be held at the Keller Convention Center in Effingham, Illinois. See the following brochure and registration form.

### CONFERENCE SPEAKERS & TOPICS

#### SUSAN H. ADAMS, Ph.D.

Dr. Adams is a communications consultant and instructor with 28 years of teaching experience. She teaches counterintelligence, interviewing and interrogation, detection of deception, interpersonal communication and linguistic text analysis. Dr. Adams is a retired FBI Agent and an adjunct instructor for the University of Virginia. She has been a guest speaker in many countries and throughout the U.S.

#### ROBERT H. FARLEY, M.S.

Robert Farley is a 30-Year veteran of the Cook County Sheriff's Police Dept. in Chicago, IL. He retired in 2003 as the Commanding Officer of the Cook County Sheriff's Police, Child Exploitation Unit. He now works as an international consultant for INTERPOL, the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and the Microsoft Corp. Mr. Farley is also a consultant in Crimes against Children for John E. Reid & Assoc., Inc., and his presentation will concentrate on Child Abuse Injury Reconstruction and Death Investigation.

#### PAUL GREENWOOD

San Diego Deputy District Attorney Paul Greenwood has been a lawyer for 30 years. He has prosecuted over 200 felony cases of both physical and financial elder abuse, including 8 murder cases. He heads up the Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit and will draw upon his 13 years experience prosecuting criminal felony elder abuse cases to illustrate some long-held myths about investigating and prosecuting these serious crimes. He will demonstrate methods to overcome the barriers so that many elderly victims may indeed receive justice.

#### TRACY HARPSTER

Tracy Harpster has served with the Moraine Police Department in Ohio since 1984. He has worked as a street officer, undercover narcotics officer, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant and Operations Lieutenant. He received a Masters Degree from the University of Cincinnati. He is also a graduate of the 216th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Program. His presentation concerns analyzing 911 homicide calls for indicators of guilt or innocence.

### CONFERENCE SPONSORS

Illinois Department of Children  
& Family Services  
Illinois Department of  
Transportation  
Illinois Department on Aging  
Illinois Law Enforcement Training  
& Standards Board  
Illinois Sheriffs' Association  
Illinois State Police  
Illinois State Police - COA  
(Command Officer's Association)  
LECC - U. S. Attorney's Office  
(Southern District of Illinois)  
Metropolitan Enforcement Group of  
Southwestern Illinois (MEGSI)  
Mobile Training Units 13, 14 & 15  
Southern Illinois Police  
Chiefs Assoc.  
United States Attorney's Office  
(Southern District of Illinois)

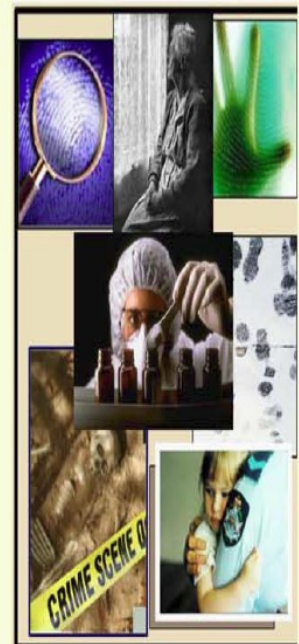
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15 HOURS OF STATE  
MANDATED TRAINING  
AND  
8 HOURS IDOA ELDER ABUSE  
RECERTIFICATION CREDITS**



**10th ANNUAL  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS  
Criminal Justice Summit  
FEBRUARY 23-24, 2010**

**KELLER CONVENTION CENTER  
Effingham, Illinois**

**CALLED TO SERVE  
NEW  
DIMENSIONS  
IN DEATH INVESTIGATIONS**



## AGENDA AT A GLANCE

### TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 23, 2010

**7:00 - 8:15 a.m. Registration**

**8:15 a.m.**

NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Ms. Leslie Cox*

HONOR GUARD

*Effingham County Sheriff's Office*

WELCOME

*Honorable A. Courtney Cox*

U.S. Attorney for the  
Southern District of Illinois & Dignitaries

**8:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.**

**DEBUNKING THE MYTHS & MISCONCEPTIONS  
SURROUNDING THE INVESTIGATION & PROSECUTION OF  
CRIMINAL ELDER ABUSE CASES**

*Dr. Paul Greenwood*

(San Diego Deputy District Attorney)

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**LUNCH**

**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**CHILD ABUSE INJURY RECONSTRUCTION & DEATH  
INVESTIGATION**

*Robert Hugh Farley M.S.*

(Consultant in Crimes Against Children)

**5:30 p.m. Hospitality Room Opens**

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Sandwich & Appetizer Buffet**

### WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 24, 2010

**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.**

**INTERVIEW AND INTERROGATION  
DETECTION OF DECEPTION  
INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION**

*Susan H. Adams, Ph.D.*

(Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent)

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**LUNCH**

**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**911 HOMICIDE CALLS & STATEMENT ANALYSIS**

*(Is the caller the killer?)*

*Lt. Tracy Harpster, M.S.*

(Moraine, Ohio Police Dept.)

**4:00 p.m. - Closing & Drawings**

**Questions? Call Cary Trame at  
618-346-3616 or email  
trameca@isp.state.il.us.**

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Please type or print neatly. If registering more than one person, please complete a separate registration form for each person attending.

### Section I - General Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

### Section II - Conference Registration Fee

Conference registration is \$125 per person. Registration fees include room for one night, meals, training sessions, and breaks. If you will not be staying overnight, the fee is \$100. If you are sharing a room, the first person will be \$125 and the second person will be \$100.

On-site registration will not be available. Please make check or money order payable to:

**LECC (Law Enforcement Coordinating Council FEIN# 32-012 7696).**

### CONFIRMATION BY EMAIL ONLY

*\*If this is an agency payment for more than one person attending, each individual's registration form must be submitted together with the payment.*

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2010**

**CANCELLATION POLICY: No refunds will be made after February 19, 2010.**

### Section III - Preferences

LODGING: Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ *\*All rooms are non smoking.*

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

If you are sharing a room, please give the person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Registration Forms and Payment to:  
Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit, Attn: Sue Gonterman  
1100 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234.  
(Phone: 618-346-3562 and Email: sue.gonterman@isp.state.il.us)**



## RECENT NOTEWORTHY CASES

### HEROIN

On December 8, 2009, **TERRANCE P. MARTIN**, a/k/a "T," age 47, and **DEANDRE D. BROWN**, a/k/a "Dre," "D," and "D.D.," age 30, both of Carbondale, Illinois, were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Benton, Illinois, in a one-count indictment charging them with conspiracy to distribute heroin. The violation took place between March 2009 and October 2, 2009, in Jackson County, Illinois.

The offense carries a penalty of five to 40 years' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. **BROWN** appeared in federal court on December 18, 2009, and was ordered held without bond pending jury trial, which is currently scheduled for February 16, 2010. **MARTIN** is currently detained pending a January 8, 2010, bond hearing.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and Murphysboro Police Department pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. The goal of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative is to remove illegal guns and drugs from our communities. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses in the system that will get them the most time. In addition, the Jackson County States Attorney's Office assisted throughout the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On December 8, 2009, **DENNIS A. NORTH**,

a/k/a "Bay" and "Shorty," age 60, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Benton, Illinois, in a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute heroin. The violation took place between February 2009 and August 13, 2009, in Jackson County, Illinois.

The offense carries a penalty of five to 40 years' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. **NORTH** appeared in federal court on December 18, 2009, and was ordered held without bond pending a jury trial, which is currently scheduled for February 16, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and Murphysboro Police Department pursuant to those agencies' participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. In addition, the Jackson County States Attorney's Office assisted throughout the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

### HEROIN AND COCAINE

On December 18, 2009, **MYRON T. SEIGART**, age 22, and **BYRON E. BURNETT**, age 28, both of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, pled guilty to multiple counts in a federal indictment in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois.

Both defendants entered pleas of guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute crack cocaine. In addition, **SEIGART** pled guilty to four counts of distribution of crack cocaine. In addition to the conspiracy count, **BURNETT** also pled guilty to two counts of distri-

## Recent Noteworthy Cases, continued

bution of crack cocaine and two counts of distribution of heroin.

**SEIGART** faces possible penalties of ten years' to life imprisonment, at least eight years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. **BURNETT** faces possible penalties of five to 40 years' imprisonment, at least four years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. Both defendants are currently being held in the custody of the United States Marshals Service pending imposition of sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, the Centralia Police Department, the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Illinois State Police, the United States Marshals Service, and other law enforcement agencies pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

### COCAINE

On October 6, 2009, **MARIO J. ROBY**, age 23, of Centralia, Illinois, was charged with two counts of distribution of crack cocaine in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Benton, Illinois. **ROBY** was recently arrested by the United States Marshals Service.

Each count carries a possible penalty of up to 20 years' imprisonment, at least three years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$1,000,000.

The investigation was conducted by the Centralia Police Department, the Clinton County

Sheriff's Department, the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Illinois State Police, the Marion County Sheriff's Office, the Marion County State's Attorney's Office, the United States Secret Service, the United States Marshals Service, and other law enforcement agencies pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.

On January 11, 2010, **STEVEN A. WOOLEY**, age 23, and **DAVON V. BELL**, age 22, both of Carbondale, Illinois, were sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **WOOLEY** and **BELL**, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging them with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, were each sentenced to 120 months' imprisonment, five years' supervised release, and a \$400 fine.

The violation took place between August 2006 and August 2008 in Jackson County. Three co-defendants have pled guilty to their roles in the crack cocaine conspiracy and are awaiting sentencing. Three co-defendants have pled not guilty and are currently awaiting jury trial.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Murphysboro Police Department, Illinois State Police, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, Carbondale Police Department, and Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On January 12, 2010, **ROOSEVELT JOHNSON**,

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**a/k/a "ToJo,"** age 38, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois.

**JOHNSON**, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, was sentenced to 135 months' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, and a \$500 fine. The violation took place on February 25, 2009, in Jackson County.

**JOHNSON** was also sentenced to a term of 37 months' imprisonment based on a finding that the commission of the new offense was a violation of the terms of his supervised release in a 1999 federal crack cocaine case. The 135-month and 37-month sentences were ordered to be served consecutively.

The investigation was conducted by the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

### METHAMPHETAMINE

On December 18, 2009, **MICHAEL J. MEDFORD**, age 32, of Fayetteville, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois.

**MEDFORD**, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, was sentenced to 188 months' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, and an \$850 fine.

The violation took place between December 2007 and March 2009, in St. Clair, Madison, and Randolph Counties in Illinois. Four co-

defendants have pled guilty to their roles in the conspiracy and are awaiting sentencing. One co-defendant has pled not guilty and is awaiting a January 18, 2010, jury trial.

The investigation was conducted by the Illinois State Police Methamphetamine Response Team, pursuant to its participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On January 7, 2010, **ROBERT S. HOUSTON**, age 29, of Carterville, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois. **HOUSTON**, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, was sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, and a \$200 fine.

The violation took place between December 2005 and May 21, 2009, in Jackson, Williamson, and Franklin Counties in Illinois. One co-defendant has previously been sentenced for his role in the methamphetamine conspiracy. Six co-defendants have pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing. One co-defendant has pled not guilty and is awaiting a March 1, 2010, jury trial.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Murphysboro Police Department, Illinois State Police Methamphetamine Response Team, and COMIT Drug Task Force, pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.



## Recent Noteworthy Cases, continued

On January 12, 2010, **JOSEPH E. POORE**, age 31, of Carterville, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois.

**POORE**, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, was sentenced to 151 months' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, and a \$200 fine.

The violation took place between December 2005 and May 21, 2009, in Jackson, Williamson, and Franklin Counties in Illinois. Two co-defendants have previously been sentenced for their respective roles in the methamphetamine conspiracy. Five co-defendants have pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing. One co-defendant has pled not guilty and is awaiting a jury trial, which is currently scheduled for March 1, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Murphysboro Police Department, Illinois State Police Methamphetamine Response Team, and COMIT Drug Task Force, pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

### DISPENSING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

On December 16, 2009, **HUNG T. NGUYEN, M.D.**, age 57, of Carmi, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois, following his plea to an information that charged him with three counts of illegally dispensing controlled substances.

**NGUYEN** was sentenced to five years' probation, ordered to pay \$215,372.40 in restitution, a \$300 special assessment, and a \$500 fine.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Inspector General, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Illinois State Police - Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau, and the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force.

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Liam Coonan and Michael J. Quinley.

### MISBRANDING DRUGS

On January 14, 2010, **TED S. THALMANN**, age 46, owner and corporate secretary of **THE MEDICINE SHOPPE OF EDWARDSVILLE**, an Illinois corporation, located in Edwardsville, Illinois, Madison County, pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of misbranding of a drug. The corporation pled guilty to a felony charge of misbranding of a drug. The defendants are currently scheduled to be sentenced at 1:30 p.m., on May 14, 2010, at which time **THALMANN** faces a maximum sentence of one year imprisonment, one year supervised release, and a fine of \$100,000. The corporation faces a maximum sentence of five years' probation and a fine of \$500,000.

The charging documents indicate that prescription drugs were repackaged from the manufacturer's original stock bottle and placed into blister packs labeled with incorrect expiration dates and supplied to area nursing homes from March 2007 through March 2008.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations; the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Office of Criminal Investigations; and the Illinois State Police.

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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Liam Coonan.

### FIREARMS

On January 12, 2010, **WILBUR EUGENE COLLIER**, age 45, of Cairo, Illinois, pled guilty to a two-count indictment, charging him with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and unlawful possession of ammunition by a felon.

According to the indictment, the violations took place on October 31, 2009, in Alexander County, Illinois, and involved a .44 magnum Smith and Wesson Trophy Whitetail handgun and six .44 magnum bullets. Each count carries a maximum sentence of not more than ten years' imprisonment, up to three years' supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

**COLLIER**, whose jury trial had been set to begin on January 20, 2010, was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service pending sentencing which has been set for April 19, 2010, in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois. At his plea hearing, **COLLIER** admitted to being in possession of a .44 caliber Smith and Wesson Trophy Whitetail handgun which was loaded with six bullets, after having previously been convicted of a federal felony. Officers from the Cairo, Illinois, Police Department originally stopped the defendant at 1:03 a.m., on October 31, 2009, for speeding in Cairo. The defendant was arrested when an officer noticed a gun in his vehicle and knew that the defendant had previously been convicted of a felony.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Cairo Police Department, and Illinois State Police.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Carr.

On January 14, 2010, **ROBERT LEE PALMER**, age 24, of Collinsville, Illinois, pled guilty to a three-count indictment charging interference with commerce by robbery in Count 1; use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence in Count 2; and theft from a federal firearms licensee in Count 3. The violations occurred on September 8, 2009, and involved the armed robbery of a federally licensed firearms dealer in Collinsville, Illinois. The investigation continues in an effort to recover firearms and identify additional perpetrators.

The offenses carry the following possible penalties: Count 1 - not more than ten years' imprisonment, not more than five years' supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine; Count 2 - not less than seven years' to life imprisonment consecutive to Count 1, not more than five years' supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine; and Count 3 - not more than ten years' imprisonment, not more than three years' supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is currently scheduled for May 28, 2010, in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Madison County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Deirdre A. Durborow and Kit R. Morrissey.



## Recent Noteworthy Cases, continued

### BANK ROBBERY

On December 21, 2009, a criminal complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, charging **DANIEL L. RAVELLETT**, age 61, **DONALD C. LONG**, age 31, both of Vincennes, Indiana, and **ZACHARY E. RICHEY**, age 23, of Lawrenceville, Illinois, with a single count of bank robbery. The charges arise from the robbery of the Regions Bank in Lebanon, Illinois, on December 19, 2009.

Each of the defendants made an initial appearance before a U.S. Magistrate Judge on December 21, 2009. A detention hearing was scheduled for December 22, 2009, at which time all of the defendants were ordered detained without bond pending further proceedings.

Conviction of the offense of bank robbery carries with it a sentence of up to 20 years' imprisonment, up to three years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Lebanon Police Department, and the O'Fallon Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.

### TENNESSEE BANK ROBBERIES

On December 17, 2009, **CHAD SCHAFFNER**, age 36, of Indianapolis, Indiana, entered a plea of guilty in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee in Greeneville, Tennessee, to two counts of bank robbery and two counts of use of a firearm during and in relation to a violent crime.

The United States has filed notice of intent

to seek an enhanced punishment under title 18, United States Code, section 3559(c), often referred to as the federal "three strikes law." The notice alleges that **SCHAFFNER** qualifies under this statute based on two prior armed robbery convictions in the state of Indiana. This statute requires that defendants convicted under this statute be sentenced to serve the rest of their life in federal prison. The two convictions for use of firearms would also carry life sentences which must run consecutively to the underlying bank robbery convictions.

**SCHAFFNER** is scheduled to be sentenced on August 9, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., in the U.S. District Court in Greeneville, Tennessee.

According to **SCHAFFNER'S** plea agreement on August 18, 2009, **SCHAFFNER** entered the Community National Bank in Jefferson City, demanded cash from a teller, and displayed a firearm. The teller gave him the money which included a dye pack. After departing the bank with the cash the dye pack exploded approximately 40 feet from the bank. **SCHAFFNER** fled after discarding the bag and money.

On the same day, **SCHAFFNER**, armed with and brandishing a firearm, entered the First Tennessee Bank in Morristown and demanded money from the teller. He told the teller "don't put a dye pack in the bag or I will come back and blow your head off." The teller complied and **SCHAFFNER** fled the bank with a quantity of cash.

After a nation-wide manhunt, **SCHAFFNER** was arrested in Missouri. **SCHAFFNER** admitted to robbing both the Community National Bank and First Tennessee Bank to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He told the agents that he began robbing banks to support his drug addiction. He also admitted to robbing banks in

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Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Illinois, and Indiana.

**SCHAFFNER** further admitted to using and brandishing two different firearms during the course of these robberies, one of which was recovered from a motel room **SCHAFFNER** occupied. Both robberies were recorded on video.

In addition to the Tennessee bank robberies, **SCHAFFNER** has bank robbery charges pending in the Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of North Carolina, District of South Carolina, Western District of Kentucky, Southern District of Indiana, and Southern District of Illinois.

**SCHAFFNER'S** girlfriend, **LINDA CHRISTINA DAVIS**, pled guilty on December 7, 2009, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee in Greeneville, Tennessee, to accessory after the fact to the two Tennessee bank robberies. **DAVIS** was arrested with **SCHAFFNER** in Missouri. **DAVIS** confessed to allowing **SCHAFFNER** to use her car after the Morristown and Jefferson County robberies and renting motel rooms in various states to allow him to avoid apprehension. Complete details of her involvement can be found in her plea agreement on file with the U.S. District Court in Greeneville, Tennessee. **DAVIS** faces up to twelve and a half years' imprisonment for her role. **DAVIS** is scheduled to be sentenced on May 3, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., in the U.S. District Court in Greeneville.

The investigation was conducted by the Morristown Police Department, Jefferson City Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rob Reeves.

### CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

On December 22, 2009, **DAVID ALAN DONALDSON**, age 47, of Johnston City, Illinois, was charged in a criminal complaint in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois, with one count of possession of child pornography.

The complaint alleges that on September 8, 2009, **DONALDSON** possessed three images of child pornography. **DONALDSON** was taken into federal custody on December 28, 2009, and appeared in the U.S. District Court in Benton. **DONALDSON** was ordered held without bond and was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshals Service.

If convicted, **DONALDSON** faces a sentence of up to ten years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both, and five years' to life supervised release.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation - Southern Illinois Cyber Crimes Task Force, and the Johnston City Police Department. This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, in which the United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with federal and state law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

### TRAVELLING ACROSS STATE LINES TO HAVE SEXUAL CONTACT WITH A MINOR

On January 7, 2010, **PAUL R. BRADLEY**, age 53, of Clackamas, Oregon, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois, to 20 years' imprisonment, ten years' supervised release, and a \$500 fine.



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**BRADLEY** had previously pled guilty to a one-count information which charged that **BRADLEY** traveled from the state of Oregon to Wabash County, Illinois, for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with a person under 18 years of age. The evidence was that on May 25, 2009, **BRADLEY** traveled from the state of Oregon to Wabash County, Illinois. **BRADLEY** flew from Oregon to the Evansville, Indiana Regional Airport on May 25, 2009. He later drove to Illinois for the purpose of engaging in "illicit sexual conduct" with a minor.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation - Southern Illinois Cyber Crimes Task Force, Illinois Attorney General's Office - Crimes Against Children Task Force, Wabash County Sheriff's Office, Mt. Carmel Police Department, Wabash County State's Attorney's Office, and other state and local law enforcement agencies as part of Project Safe Childhood.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

### IDENTITY THEFT AND FRAUD

On January 8, 2010, **JENNIFER LYNN SCHOENBECK**, age 31, of Belleville, Illinois, was sentenced to 54 months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, an \$800 special assessment, and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$13,176.99.

**SCHOENBECK** pled guilty on June 1, 2009, to three counts of wire fraud, four counts of mail fraud, and one count of aggravated identity theft.

According to a factual stipulation filed at the time of her plea, from March 2008 to December

2008, acting from her Belleville home, **SCHOENBECK** participated in wire and mail fraud schemes to defraud and to obtain money by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses which involved identity theft and access device fraud. By virtue of her employment as a manager of a restaurant, **SCHOENBECK** had access to personal identity information of at least 11 individuals who had either applied to work at the restaurant or who worked at the restaurant, including their names and social security numbers.

**SCHOENBECK** opened bank accounts, sometimes by completing an application on the internet. When asked by the bank to provide a social security number, **SCHOENBECK** used the social security number of someone she knew, she would use a social security number which she obtained during the course of her employment as restaurant manager, or she would simply make up a social security number. On some occasions, **SCHOENBECK** would receive a debit card via the U.S. Mail which would enable her to withdraw funds from a bank account.

**SCHOENBECK** applied to consumer loan companies for loans online, by completing applications over the internet, thereby causing interstate wire communications. In applying for consumer loans, **SCHOENBECK** used names other than her own, and she used the social security number of someone she knew, a social security number which she obtained during the course of her employment as restaurant manager, or she would simply make up a social security number. **SCHOENBECK** requested that the loan proceeds be deposited into one of the bank accounts she controlled. If an online consumer loan application was approved, and if loan proceeds were deposited into one of the bank accounts she controlled, **SCHOENBECK** spent the loan proceeds,

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typically by making debit card withdrawals from the bank account. The aggravated identity theft charge results from **SCHOENBECK'S** use of a former boyfriend's social security number during the course of the wire fraud scheme.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Suzanne M. Garrison.

### MAIL FRAUD

On January 4, 2010, **BRADLEY K. CLARK, d/b/a U.S. OIL & GAS TECHNOLOGIES**, based in Wayne County, Illinois, was sentenced as a result of his conviction on two counts of mail fraud involving a scheme to defraud investors in an oil well venture. **CLARK** was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, and payment of restitution totaling \$343,796.

The conviction is the result of conduct from on or about October 2005 and continuing until approximately November 2007, when **CLARK** engaged in a fraudulent investment scheme in which he solicited investors to invest in the reworking of oil wells located in Southern Illinois. **CLARK** falsely represented to investors and potential investors that the investors' funds were being used and would be used exclusively for reworking oil wells, when in fact, he used a large portion of the investors' funds for personal use, to pay salaries, to pay other expenses that were not related to the reworking of oil wells, and to pay investors phony payments, as lulling payments, that were falsely represented to be the proceeds from the sale of crude oil. Evidence proved that 16 investors in Illinois and Indiana were defrauded of approximately \$343,796.18.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Illinois Securities Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Norman R. Smith.

### TAX EVASION

On January 7, 2010, **MARY R. STORER**, age 40, formerly of Wood River, Illinois, was sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment as a result of her convictions for tax evasion, willful failure to file federal income tax returns, embezzlement from an employee benefit plan, and failure to pay employment taxes. **STORER** was additionally ordered to serve three years' supervised release and pay restitution in the amount of \$266,056 to the victim, Elk Heating and Cooling, and \$76,267.29 to the Internal Revenue Service.

The convictions are the result of **STORER'S** conduct after she was hired by Elk Heating and Sheet Metal, Inc. d/b/a Elk Heating and Cooling, as their office manager in 2006. Elk Heating and Sheet Metal is a small, family-owned, heating and air conditioning company in Madison County. **STORER'S** responsibilities included answering the telephones, setting up customer appointments, and handling accounts receivable and accounts payable. **STORER** was also in charge of payroll and filing and paying Elk Heating and Sheet Metal's payroll taxes. **STORER** immediately began embezzling money from Elk Heating and Sheet Metal. **STORER** gambled away almost all of the money that she embezzled. At the sentencing, information was also presented that she had gambled heavily in 2007 with losses exceeding \$200,000 that year.

The investigation was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation



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Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations - Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Labor - Employee Benefit Security Administration, and the Wood River Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Norman R. Smith.

### January 1:

New Year's Day

Israel: HAMAS suicide car bomb wounds 54 in Netanya. (2001)

West Bank, Gaza Strip, Israel: Palestine Liberation Organization was founded. (1964)

Israel: Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade's simultaneous suicide attacks kill 23 and wound 107. The al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades is a coalition of Palestinian nationalist militias in the West Bank. The group's name refers to the al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. The organization has been described as a terrorist group by the governments of Israel, United States, Canada, and Japan, and the European Union. (2003)

United States: Alcatraz Island becomes a United States federal prison. (1934)

United States: According to U.S. intelligence analysts, bin Laden was financing at least three terrorist training camps in North Sudan, where rebels from a half-dozen nations received training. (1994)

### January 2:

United States: The maximum speed limit is reduced to 55 mph in order to conserve gasoline. This law was modified in 1987 to allow 65 mph (105 km/h) limits on certain roads. This cap was intended to reduce gasoline consumption by 2.2% in response to the 1973 oil crisis. Most states subversively opposed the law, ranging from proposing deals for exemption from it to minimizing speeding penalties. In 1995, the law was repealed, returning the power of setting speed limits to the states. (1974)

### January 5:

Israel: Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade's simultaneous suicide attacks kill 23 and wound 107. (2003)

Gaza Strip: Yahya Ayyash ("The Engineer") was the chief bomb-maker of Hamas. Ayyash is credited with advancing the technique of suicide bombing in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Ayyash was the most wanted man in Israel and the target of a massive man-hunt. Ayyash was assassinated by the Israeli Shabak who tricked a friend of Ayyash's into giving him a bomb-laden cell phone. When Ayyash used it, Shabak detonated it, killing him instantly. (1996)

### January 6:

Colombia: National Liberation Army founded. Ejército de Liberación Nacional, a revolutionary, Marxist, insurgent guerrilla group operating in several regions of Colombia, South America. (1963)

Christian: Epiphany. A Christian holiday celebrating the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus.

### January 7:

Islamic: Ashura - Islamic holy day observed on the tenth of the Islamic month of Muharram. Shi'ite Muslims regard it as a major festival marking the martyrdom of the prophet's grandson, Hussein.

### January 8:

United States: Ramzi Ahmed Yousef sentenced to life plus 240 years' imprisonment without parole for the 1993 World Trade Center bombings. Abdul Basit Mahmoud Abdul Karim, and also known by dozens of aliases, was born in Kuwait and is of Pakistani descent. He was arrested at a guest house in Islamabad, Pakistan, by the Pakistani inter-services intelligence directorate and special agents of the U.S. Diplomatic Security Service, U.S. Department of State, and was extradited to the United States. He was tried in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and along with two co-conspirators was convicted of planning the Bojinka plot. (1998)

### January 9:

Colombia: Colombian Army rescues 56 hostages from National Liberation Army. The National Liberation Army (Ejército de Liberación Nacional) is a revolutionary, avowed Marxist guerrilla group that has been operating in several regions of Colombia since 1964. Its membership is estimated at around 1,500 guerrillas as of 2009, down from a peak of around 4,000 in 1999. (2001)

### January 12:

Turkey: Execution of Kurdistan Workers' Party leader Abdullah Ocalan. (2000)

### January 14:

Gaza Strip: First female HAMAS suicide bomber kills four and wounds ten at Erez crossing. Hamas, an acronym of Ḥarakat al-Muqāwamat al-Islāmiyyah, meaning "Islamic Resistance Movement," is a Palestinian Islamic socio-political organization. Since June 2007, after winning a large majority in the Palestinian Parliament and defeating rival Palestinian party Fatah in a series of violent clashes, Hamas has governed the Gaza portion of the Palestinian Territories. The governments of Canada, the European Union, Israel, and the United States classify Hamas as a terrorist organization. Hamas was created in 1987 by Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, Abdel Aziz al-Rantissi, and Mohammad Taha of the Palestinian wing of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood at the beginning of the First Intifada, an uprising against Israeli rule in the Palestinian territories. (2004)



### January 15:

West Bank: Palestinian militia leader Ra'id al-Karmi killed by a bomb outside his home; Israel implicated. (2002)

### January 17:

United States: Umar 'Abd al-Rahman (The "Blind Shaykh") sentenced to life for his role in 1993 World Trade Center bombing. (1996)

Iraq/Kuwait: Operation Desert Storm air offensive begins. The Gulf War (August 2, 1990 – February 28, 1991), also known as the First Gulf War. The military response was initiated by a coalition force from 34 nations against Iraq with the expressed purpose of expelling Iraqi forces from Kuwait after its invasion and annexation on August 2, 1990. The initial conflict to expel Iraqi troops from Kuwait began with an aerial bombardment, followed by a ground assault on February 23. The coalition ceased its advance and declared a cease-fire 100 hours after the ground campaign started. (1991)

### January 18:

Lebanon: Malcolm Kerr, American University President, assassinated in Beirut; Islamic Jihad claims responsibility. (1982)

### January 19:

United States: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### January 20:

Iran: Remaining 52 U.S. Embassy hostages seized in November 1979 released. (1981)

United States: Inauguration Day, as set by the Twentieth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Barack Obama became the 44th President of the United States. (2009)

### January 21:

Kuwait: Gunman ambushes vehicle near Camp Doha, killing one U.S. contractor and wounding another. (2003)

### January 22:

France: Armed Islamic group ringleaders sentenced to eight years for terrorist acts; 84 others sentenced in mass trial. (1999)

United States: The Senate confirms President Clinton's nomination of Madeleine Albright, making her the first female Secretary of State in United States history. (1997)

Israel: Israel withdraws from the Sinai Peninsula. (1957)

United States: New York City "Mad Bomber," George P. Metesky, arrested in Waterbury, Connecticut, and is charged with planting more than 30 bombs. (1957)

United States: *Roe versus Wade*, a U.S. Supreme Court case that resulted in a landmark decision regarding abortion. According to the *Roe* decision, most laws against abortion in the United States violated a constitutional right to privacy under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. (1973)

### January 23:

Pakistan: Extremists kidnap and later kill Wall Street Journal U.S. reporter Daniel Pearl. Daniel Pearl was kidnapped on his way to interview a Muslim fundamentalist leader in Pakistan. (2002)

Yemen: Hijacking of a Yemeni flight with 91 passengers, including U.S. Ambassador; hijacker captured and passengers safely released. (2001)

### January 24:

Lebanon: Jesse Turner, Alan Steen, Robert Polhill, and Mithileshwar Singh were kidnapped in Beirut. (1987)

United States: An explosion in a New York bar leaves four people dead. It is one of a series of 49 bombings between 1974 and 1977 attributed to the Puerto Rican National Liberation Army. (1975)

### January 25:

United States: Mir Amal Kansi kills Frank Darling and Dr. Lansing Bennett, two CIA employees, and wounds three outside the CIA Headquarters in McLean, Virginia. (1993)

### January 27:

Afghanistan: Armed militants attack United Nations convoy, killing two security officer escorts. (2003)

Israel: Fatah female suicide bomber kills one and wounds more than 150 in Jerusalem. (2002)

### January 29:

Israel: Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade bus bomb in Jerusalem kills 11 and wounds 50. (2004)

### January 31:

Netherlands: Scottish court finds Libyan 'Abd al-Baset al-Megrahi guilty in Pan Am 103 bombing. (2001)